

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace the application's listing of claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of paying for a parking space using a payment system including a payment means, said method comprising  
  
receiving, at the payment system, a first payment from a user corresponding to a first authorized parking time;  
  
supplying, by the payment system, to said user an extending code specific to said first payment for extending parking time;  
  
receiving, at the payment system, from said user a second payment corresponding to a second authorized parking time,  
  
when receiving said second payment, said payment system receiving said extending code specific to said first payment; and  
  
automatically increasing, by said payment system, said second authorized parking time by a residual authorized time corresponding to said first authorized parking time linked to said first payment identified by said received extending code.
2. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein the parking space is identified by a number and the user provides said number during said second payment.

3. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 2, wherein said parking space number is used to generate said code specific to said first payment.

4. (previously presented) The parking space payment method of claim 2, wherein said second authorized parking time is increased by any residual time only if said first payment relates to said parking space.

5. (previously presented) The parking space payment method of claim 1, wherein said first authorized parking time is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said first payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, and

any remaining authorized time corresponding to the a previous authorized time relating to said parking space.

6. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein the first authorized parking time is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said first payment as defined in particular by a table of charges, and

any remaining authorized times corresponding to preceding authorized times relating to said parking space.

7. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim

5, wherein only the time directly related to said first payment as defined in particular by said table of charges is communicated to the user.

8. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein said second authorized parking time after the user enters said code is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said second payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to the authorized time linked to said first payment, and

any remaining authorized time corresponding to an authorized time relating to said parking space of a transaction preceding said first payment.

9. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein said second authorized parking time after the user enters said code is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said second payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to said first authorized parking time, and

any remaining authorized times corresponding to previous authorized times relating to said parking space of transactions preceding said first payment.

10. (previously presented) A parking space payment system comprising:

a payment means wherein a user makes a first payment to benefit from a

corresponding first authorized parking time, and a second payment to benefit from a corresponding second authorized parking time,

a processing and communication means that supplies said user a code specific to said first payment, and

a processing and input means wherein said user, when making said second payment, enters said code of said first payment so as to increase said second authorized parking time by a remaining authorized parking time corresponding to said first authorized parking time.

11. (previously presented) The parking space payment method of claim 1, wherein said user makes said second payment before an expiry of time of said first authorized parking time, and

wherein the residual authorized parking time corresponds to the time between the second payment and the expiry time of the first authorized parking time.

12. (previously presented) The parking space payment system of claim 10, wherein the code of said first payment is valid until an expiry of time of said first authorized parking time, and

wherein the residual authorized parking time corresponds to the time between said second payment and the expiry time of said first authorized parking time.